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One of the primary responsibilities of the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) is to help localities plan for and manage natural and manmade disasters. To keep the public informed and prepared to handle emergency and disaster situations, the Public Affairs Office maintains a library of emergency preparedness videos and publications. All of the videos have been screened by VDEM staff and come highly recommended. Consider using them in presentations to student groups, civic organizations and employee safety meetings. Some of the videos can be broadcast over government cable access or other television stations. Videos can be borrowed for up to two weeks and publications can be obtained, free of charge, by contacting the Public Affairs Office through any of the means listed below.

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DISASTER RESPONSE/RECOVERY

"ANSWERING THE CALL" by Chesca Media Group Date: 2006

Using the first 24 hours after the collapse of the towers as a backdrop, "Answering the Call" quickly develops the stories of Ground Zero's rescue and support volunteers. The neverseen-before, up-close footage allows for new insight into the quick thinking and tireless efforts of thousands of ordinary people who devoted themselves to a cause under tragically extraordinary circumstances.

Time: 65 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: DVD

"THE FACE OF FEMA: INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS Date: 2005

Time:

Format: Computer CD Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

"RECOVERING FROM THE DISASTER" by FEMA Date: 2005

This DVD is designed to help local leaders and their teams direct their community's recovery from a major disaster or catastrophic event. By preparind, understanding, and participating in FEMA's disaster recovery programs, communities can maximize the benefit from federal assistance and better manage the challenges of rebuilding.

Time:

Format: DVD Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

EARTHQUAKE

"AFTERSHOCK" by The Weather Channel Date: 1990

This documentary produced by The Weather Channel in 1990, explores earthquakes and their devastating effects. The program studies the lessons of the Great Quake of 1906 in San Francisco and how well those lessons were followed as demonstrated by the 1989 Loma Prieta Quake in California.

Time: 24 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 34 and 1/2 inch VHS

"CALM TO CATASTROPHE" by American Red Cross Date: Unknown

Produced by the American Red Cross and The Weather Channel, this video examines individual, organizational, and community response to four natural hazards: flash floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, and earthquakes. The need for increased community education and the economic impact of disasters on individuals and the community are also discussed. The tape is divided into six segments that can be shown as one program or shown separately. These segments are listed below.

Part I Flash Flood – 8:12

Part II A Psychological Storm (Hurricanes) – 7:43 Part III Disaster in West Memphis (Tornado) – 5:41

Part IV Children in Disaster – 7:08

Part V The Invisible Threat (Earthquake) – 7:09

Part VI Picking Up The Pieces (Earthquake Recovery/National

Potential for Earthquakes) – 10:11

Time: 45 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"EARTHQUAKE! DO SOMETHING!" by American Red Cross Date: Unknown

Produced by the American Red Cross, this video reinforces family emergency planning, safety during an earthquake, and dealing with injuries and damage after an earthquake. The videotape has ethnically diverse actors, and shows urban and rural (not suburban) settings.

Time: 13 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"MAKE YOURSELF A PROMISE: EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS FOR YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY" by American Red Cross Date: Unknown

This video is a practical guide to earthquake preparedness techniques for the individual and the community, with a particular focus on the needs of vulnerable populations, the elderly and the disabled. The program includes information on preparing and emergency kit, making your home/workplace earthquake safe, and organizing a neighborhood response plan.

Time: 27 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

"ARSON PREVENTION IN OUR CHURCHES" Date: Unknown

Specifically designed for church and synagogue leaders, this video provides simple effective techniques to prevent arsonists from striking places of worship.

Time: 70 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"ASKING FOR HELP"

This program is designed to help local governments correctly identify and request the resources needed in an emergency.

Date: Unknown

Time: 16 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"CHILDREN & TRAUMA—THE SCHOOLS' RESPONSE" by FEMA Date: Unknown

Teachers, principals and mental health professionals describe how to help children heal from traumatic events such as school shootings and natural disasters. In the video, they review the importance of recognizing children's unique needs and implementing appropriate intervention after a disaster. Features actual classroom discussions and shows how teachers use art to allow students to express their feelings after a disaster. Recommended for educators, emergency managers and anyone interested in disaster preparedness for schools or daycare centers. Produced by the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the National Institute of Mental Health and administered by the California Department of Mental Health.

Time: 20 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"THE COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)" Date: Unknown

This dramatization of CERT in action shows how the concept and process work following a disaster.

Time: 19 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 1/2 inch VHS

"JUST IN CASE" by FEMA Date: Unknown

This videotape gives an inside glimpse of a local jurisdiction's experiences and problems involving emergency management. It provides an overview of the functions of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and defines that agency's relationship with various emergency services groups in times of emergency or disaster.

Time: 27 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 3/4 inch and 1/2 inch VHS

"RECRUITING AND RETAINING VOLUNTEERS" Date: Unknown

Local and state volunteer model approaches are reviewed in the recruiting and retention of fire and emergency medical personnel. Included is the Loudoun Co., Virginia program.

Time: 105 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"THE ROLE OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC)" Date: Unknown

The role and function of an EOC are discussed in providing centralized control of fire, emergency medical, law enforcement, and public works resources during an emergency.

Time: 18 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

Many titles from the Emergency Education Network (EENET) series are available on request through the EM Training Branch.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & SPECIAL POPULATION

"EVERYBODY NEEDS A BUDDY SOME TIME"

The program is a common sense approach to fire evacuation safety and highlights the preparation and response necessary to properly evacuate people with disabilities from high-rise buildings.

Time: 13 minutes No copyrights restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

Date: Unknown

"PERSONAL PLANNING GUIDE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES: SURVIVING THE STORM" by Project Impact Date: 1999

This 20-minute video is an excellent tool to help individuals with disabilities prepare and cope with severe weather and disasters. It was distributed to home health care agencies in Virginia Beach as part of Virginia Beach Project Impact. "Surviving the Storm" also describes how American Red Cross shelters are equipped and their limitations for the disabled.

Time: 15 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS Date: 1999

FLOOD

"THE AWESOME POWER"

by NOAA

Produced by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, this documentary graphically depicts the danger of rapidly rising floodwaters. The video includes actual footage of recent flooding disaster, which have occurred in the United States.

Time: 17 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ¾ inch and ½ inch VHS

"CALM TO CATASTROPHE"

Part 1 – Flash Flood – Time 8"12 (see earthquake section for complete description)

"FLOODED AGAIN: TIME TO FIGHT BACK" by FEMA Date: 1997

Produced by the FEMA, this video highlights several cities that have implemented flood mitigation programs by moving, elevating or demolishing existing buildings. The video shows how communities are taking advantage of federal, state and local resources to prevent recurring flood damage. This is an excellent video to generate enthusiasm for mitigation programs.

Time: 25 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS Date: 1997

"FLOYD'S FURY AND FLOODS"

This video shows how Hurricane Floyd impacted the city of Franklin and southeastern Virginia. Narrated by WVEC-TV 13 on-air personalities, this video features ground and aerial footage during and after the flood. It also uses interviews with flood victims and emergency services personnel to emphasize the impact of the flooding.

by WVEC-TV

Time: 55 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: ½ inch VHS Date: 1999

Date: Unknown

Date: 1999

"THE HIDDEN DANGER, LOW-WATER CROSSING"

This video is geared to educating the public about the hidden dangers of low-water crossings. It stresses how a relatively small water depth can cause a driver to lose control of the vehicle. The tape provides information on several misconceptions associated with driving in water. For example, people have extreme confidence in the size and weight of their vehicles. This false sense of safety can be catastrophic when the vehicle becomes buoyant.

Date: Unknown

Time: 8 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

GENERAL PREPAREDNESS

"THE ADVENTURES OF THE DISASTER DUDES" by ARC Date: Unknown

This three-part tape was developed to support a presentation about disaster preparedness to children in the fourth through sixth grades. The first segment focuses on what a disaster is and emphasizes that people can do something about it.

The second segment describes specific disaster preparedness information and stresses that people need to know what to do when disasters threaten.

The third segment demonstrates how children can take part in family disaster preparedness and gives suggestions on how they can encourage their family to develop a disaster plan.

Time: 13 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 34 inch and 1/2 inch VHS

"CALM TO CATASTROPHE"

Complete tape (See earthquake section for complete description)

"DISASTER: HOW AMERICA RESPONDS" Date: Unknown

This video is intended for state and local personnel, persons in voluntary organizations, and those in the private sector who may have to coordinate their preparedness, mitigation, response, or recovery operations with the federal government. Taking the viewer through the life cycle of a disaster, the video explains stage by stage the roles and responsibilities of the federal, state, local, and nongovernmental organizations' response.

Time: 20 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

"DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS" Date: Unknown

The VDEM Public Affairs Office has disaster preparedness public service spots featuring Bob Vila as well as a separate set starring a variety of Hollywood celebrities. For information on which of these would best fit your needs, contact the VDEM Public Affairs Office.

Time: Spots No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 3/4 inch and 1/2 inch VHS

"FAMILY DISASTER PLAN/DISASTER SUPPLIES KIT" by ARC Date: Unknown

The Red Cross has taken the popular slide presentations on how to develop a family disaster plan and how to assemble a disaster supplies kit and produced them in video format. The Family Disaster Plan covers the actions that each family should perform in order to prepare them for any disaster including general information on putting together a disaster supplies kit. The Disaster Supplies Kit production goes into more detail on the need for a kit and the types of items that should be included.

Time 24:38 (minutes combined) No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ¾ inch and ½ inch VHS and slides with talking points

"THE FORGOTTEN VICTIMS" by HSUS Date: Unknown

Created by the Humane Society of the United States, this video is a short awareness video geared to the general public that encourages people to include their pets in their family disaster plans.

Time: 6 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: ½ inch VHS

"HURRICANE, TORNADO, FLOOD PREPAREDNESS AND FAMILY DISASTER PLANS" Date: Unknown

Public Service Announcements – 13 spots

Time: 10 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ¾ inch

"PANDEMIC FLU"

by VA Dept of Health

Date: 2005

Date: Unknown

A guide to pandemic preparedness and response in Virginia. This video answers the most common questions about pandemic flu: Pandemic? Bird flu? Avian Influenza? What's the difference? What can you do to prepare? What is Virginia doing to address the Pandemic Flu threat? **Include both English and Spanish versions**.

Time: 14 minutes Copyright restrictions: cannot be legally copied

Format: DVD

"PROJECT SAFESIDE: KEEPING AHEAD OF THE STORM" by ARC Date: Unknown

This American Red Cross and Weather Channel's video targets families and offers all the basics of disaster preparedness. Starting with the results of a recent ARC survey that demonstrates Americans aren't ready to face disasters, the video springboards into the preparedness message. Weather Channel meteorologists describe how to plan, assemble a disaster supplies kit, and where to go for further information. They stress updating, renewing, or applying for the proper insurance coverage.

Time: 7:54 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"READY FOR THE WORST" by ARC

This American Red Cross tape allows you to travel back in history and be an eyewitness at the scenes of America's greatest disasters—the Johnstown Flood, Galveston Hurricane, San Francisco Earthquake, Chicago Fire and more.

Time: 40 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 34 inch and 1/2 inch VHS

"THE WEATHER CLASSROOM" (1997 VERSION) by Weather Channel Date: 1997

Produced by The Weather Channel, this 11-tape series helps teach a variety of weather subjects. Each tape has three different eight-minute segments that features an overview of the subject followed by a weather-related experiment.

The subjects are: Air in Motion; Climate: A World of Weather; Extremes in the Water Cycle; Forecasting: Then and Now; Hurricanes; Look Up! Sky Awareness; Snow, Ice, Wind and Cold; Sun, Seasons and the Sky; Thunderstorms: The Weather Machine; Tornadoes; Water: Oceans to Air.

Time: three eight-minute segments No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS Date: 1997

"THE WEATHER CLASSROOM" (2000-2001 VERSION) by Weather Channel

The updated version of "The Weather Classroom" will be aired during the 2000-2001 school year. Teachers and emergency managers can tape the programs directly off the air for educational use. The series includes a variety of weather-related subjects including Careers in Meteorology, Winter Weather, Weather and Water, The Sky Show, Weather and Geography, and many more. For times, dates and lesson plans for each video visit www.weather.com/education.

Time: 24 minutes each No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS Date: 2000-2001

"WEATHER'S FURY! A KID'S GUIDE TO X-TREME FORCES" Date: 1998

This video presents a concise, yet informative overview of the power of hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, blizzards, thunder, and lightning. While intended for children, it is an excellent video for all ages. Hosted by Virginia native Spencer Christian, "Weather's Fury!" features actual footage and emphasizes the importance of staying safe during extreme weather.

Time: 25 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: ½ inch VHS Date: 1998

"WHEN DISASTER STRIKES" by ARC Date: Unknown

Incorporating real-life examples from U.S. disasters, this video portrays how government, private-sector groups and citizens work together to prepare for and respond to disasters of all kinds. "When Disaster Strikes" explains the roles of local, state and federal government, volunteer organizations such as the American Red Cross, and other key groups involved in planning and response efforts. The video also explores the important role individual citizens play, providing information that all Americans should know to protect themselves and their families.

Time: 20 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ¾ inch and ½ inch VHS

"YOUR FAMILY - OUT OF HARM'S WAY" by ARC Date: Unknown

Produced by The Weather Channel and the American Red Cross, this video stresses the need for families to prepare in advance for all types of disasters. The tape consists of eight segments, which can be shown as one program or separately. Individual segments cover family preparedness and planning, hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes, floods, thunderstorms, winter storms, and the aftermath of disasters. Each segment emphasizes the necessity of preparing in advance. Viewers will learn how to organize a family survival kit and how to develop a family disaster preparedness plan.

Time: 22:38 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

HAZARD MITIGATION

"BEFORE DISASTER STRIKES" by BOCA Date: Unknown

This video, produced by Building Officials and Code Administrators (BOCA) International, Inc., in collaboration with FEMA, shows examples of building departments with successful mitigation programs and offers advice and implementation strategies for natural disasters. It shows how well conceived and well-enforced building codes are an important part of disaster mitigation efforts.

Time: 28 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: ½ inch VHS

"BREAKING THE CYCLE"

This documentary provides practical information on hazard mitigation techniques that have proven successful in reducing the impact of flash flooding. The videotape highlights the disaster recovery in Rapid City, South Dakota, after the 1977 flood and the pre-disaster mitigation planning that has taken place in Manitou Springs, Colorado. Through the leadership of local officials, both communities have reduced their vulnerability to flash flooding without hindering economic growth.

Date: 1997

Time: 20 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"BUILDING A SAFER HOME" by Project Impact Date: 2000

Three Virginia Beach area homebuilders describe how they design and construct hurricane resistant houses. Produced by Virginia Beach Fire Department, this video was designed as part of Virginia Beach Project Impact.

Time: 15 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS Date: 2000

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Date: 1983

"HAMPTON CYLINDER INCIDENT"

See firsthand how authorities in Hampton, Virginia, dealt with a stockpile of cylinders containing a number of hazardous chemicals.

Time: 20 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"YOUR GUIDE TO HOME CHEMICAL SAFETY AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES" by ARC Date: Unknown

The key words in this 21-minute video are "prepare" and "avoid." Produced by the American Red Cross, the video covers such topics as the importance of preparing for chemical emergencies, how to avoid them and how to respond if an accident does occur.

Time: 21 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

HURRICANE

"AGAINST THE WIND" by ARC Date: Unknown

This 18-minute video demonstrates methods of home protection, which might give families the peace of mind to think of themselves first and leave their homes during a hurricane. Taking a do-it-yourself approach, this video provides various methods of home protection such as window reinforcement and attic bracing. Approximate costs of home protection are also discussed.

Time: 18 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ³/₄ inch and ¹/₂ inch VHS

"CALM TO CATASTROPHE"

Part II – A Psychological Storm – Time: 7:43 (See earthquake section for complete description)

"DARK DAYS OF AUGUST" by Weather Channel Date: 1992

This 30-minute documentary on Hurricane Andrew follows the track of the storm and features a host of shots on location in Florida and Louisiana. It includes aerial footage of Hurricane Andrew and its effects on victims of the storm. Sections of the video include interviews with Florida residents before, during and after the storm.

Time: 30 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 3/4 inch and 1/2 inch VHS

"EVERYDAY WEATHER: HURRICANES" by SUNY Date: Unknown

Produced by the State University of New York, this videotape gives scientific and meteorological information on hurricanes. The destructiveness of hurricanes is a major theme and such topics as storm surge, wind velocity and the vulnerability of U.S. seacoasts are discussed. (This videotape can be purchased for \$79 by writing to: Everyday Weather Project, State University of New York, Brockport, N.Y. 14420).

Time: 24 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: 3/4/ inch and 1/2/ inch VHS

"HOME PREPAREDNESS FOR HURRICANES" by ARC Date: Unknown

This American Red Cross produced video provides a quick overview of the actions needed to protect your home and yourself prior to a hurricane making landfall. Among other topics, the tape offers suggestions on choosing a safe zone in your home if your area is not recommended to evacuate. The short format of this video makes it ideal for use on cable access stations as well as during group presentations when a brief overview is needed.

Time: 5:47 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 3/4 inch and 1/2 inch VHS

"HURRICANE ANDREW AS IT HAPPENED" by ARC Date: Unknown

Floridian residents saw Hurricane Andrew as it happened – so did WTVJ, Channel 4 in Miami, Florida. The television station produced a two-hour comprehensive video documentary of Hurricane Andrew called "As it Happened." Viewers can see reports on the approach, landfall and aftermath of the storm. This video can be purchased for \$14.95 by calling (800) 453-0024.

Time: 2 hours Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

"HURRICANE BLUES" by SC Dept of MH Date: Unknown

The Hugo Outreach Support Project — A Special Division of The South Carolina Department of Mental Health, produced this tape. It tells of the emotional and psychological stress factors that victims of hurricanes suffer and how they deal with them.

Time: 17:40 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"HURRICANE INFORMATION GUIDE FOR COASTAL RESIDENTS" by ARC Date: Unknown

Narrated by Maury Povich, this American Red Cross video focuses on the need for early hurricane preparation. The video covers basic hurricane information such as storm formation, the significance of watches and warnings, ways to protect your home and evacuation to safe areas. The production also emphasizes the importance of a disaster supplies kit and illustrates the items every individual needs to have on hand.

Time: 16:55 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 3/4 inch and 1/2 inch VHS

"HURRICANE ISABEL: HELP, HOPE AND HEALING by WAVY-TV Date: 2003

WAVY-TV's coverage of Hurricane Isabel and its affects on the Hampton Roads are in 2003.

Time: Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: VHS

"HURRICANE KATRINA: THE STORM THAT DROWNED A CITY" by NOVA/PBS Date: 2005

Presents astonishing storm footage, suspenseful eyewitness testimony, and a penetrating analysis of what went wrong. Views relive the storm through the eyes of survivors and the stories of top engineers, hurricane experts, and emergency officials as they grappled with the arrival of the storm and its traumatic aftermath.

Time: 56 minutes Copyright restriction – cannot be legally copied

Format: DVD

"HURRICANE: PREPARED TO SURVIVE" by FEMA Date: 1992

This 20-minute video explores the effects of a hurricane on the private sector using footage from Hurricane Andrew as a blueprint for individual and family disaster planning. It addresses the issues of hurricane preparedness before, during, and after a storm hits, covering the full range of emergency situations a household may encounter.

Time: 20 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 1/2 inch VHS

"HURRICANE SURVIVAL TEST VIDEO: THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT PREPARING YOURSELF AND YOUR PROPERTY" by PBS Date: 1999

Produced by the Allstate Insurance Company, this video gives an overview and a quiz on hurricane preparedness. It addresses the myths and realities on preparing and recovering from hurricanes. The quiz portion of the video is a good introduction for presentations on hurricane preparedness.

Time: 24 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: ½ inch VHS Date: 1999

"HURRICANE WATCH-PREPARING FOR THE UNCERTAIN" Date: Unknown

Provides information on the hazards associated with hurricanes and the unpredictability of these storm events.

Time: 34:19 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"INSIDE HURRICANE KATRINA" by National Geographic Date: 2005

National Geographic takes you inside Hurricane Katrina to shed new light on the fateful decisions of those in charge – and the desperate struggles of those fighting to survive the awesome impact of one of nature's ultimate weapons of mass destruction.

Time: 92 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: DVD

"JASON AND ROBIN'S AWESOME HURRICANE ADVENTURE" by ARC Date: Unknown

This American Red Cross video supplements a brochure by the same title, Jason and Robin explore a hurricane and provide essential preparedness information. This video is designed for elementary-level children.

Time: 10 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"STORMWATCH!-HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS FOR HOSPITALS" by FEMA Date: 1995

Provides guidance and instruction for hospital staffs for improving their readiness for hurricanes. Also includes eyewitness accounts of hospital experiences of hurricanes over the past 25 years.

Time: 68 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 1/2/ inch VHS

"THE STORM" by Frontline PBS Date: 2005

The Storm examines the first critical hours of local, state, and federal emergency response to Hurricane Katrina. Why were there so many bureaucratic and communication failures? Why did decades of disaster planning still leave New Orleans so unprepared? FRONTLINE investigates the decision s made before Katrina and in the desperate moments when New Orleans devolved into chaos.

Time: 60 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: DVD

MEDIA RELATIONS

"TIMELY AND ACCURATE NEWS: JOINT PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTERS" (TELECONFERENCE) Date: 1988

This taped version of a 1988 teleconference addresses methods for setting up a joint public information center when you can anticipate where the hazard will occur, such as a nuclear power plant, and when you are unaware of potential disaster sites, (i.e. a hazardous materials transportation accident).

Experienced local, state and federal public information officers offer advice and experiences using actual response footage whenever possible. In addition, a number of proven techniques on handling the media in crisis situations are covered.

No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

Time: 3 hours

THUNDERSTORMS/LIGHTNING

"EVERYDAY WEATHER: THUNDERSTORMS" Date: Unknown

This videotape describes in simple terms how thunderstorms form and what destruction they can cause. The program suggests practical measures to minimize personal loss or injury due to flash floods or tornadoes that are often produced by severe thunderstorms.

Time: 24 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: 3/4 inch and 1/2 inch VHS

"SKY ON FIRE" Date: Unknown

This video that's as dramatic as its title suggests covers, the frightening, yet beautiful, phenomenon of lightning. This 15-minute documentary points out that more deaths and injuries are caused every year in the U.S. by lightning, than by tornadoes and hurricanes combined. Planning for lightning when organizing outdoor events is discussed as well.

Time: 15 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be legally copied

Format: 3/4 inch and 1/2 inch VHS

"WHEN LIGHTNING STRIKES" Date: Unknown

A shocking natural hazard like lightning deserves close attention. So does this videotape. The video covers a number of important topics including how to protect yourself against lightning; how lightning may be linked to other weather conditions; some ways that scientists are studying lightning; and what some people have to say after being struck by lightning. This video was produced by WGN-TV in Chicago.

Time: 23 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

TORNADO

"CALM TO CATASTROPHE"

Part III – Disaster in West Memphis – Time 5:41 (See earthquake section for complete description)

"DAY OF THE KILLER TORNADOES" Date: Unknown

On an April day, 147 deadly twisters swept through the South and Midwest killing 315 people and turning large portions of 11 states into major disaster areas. These combined storms devastated Xenia, Ohio, and Brandenburg, Kentucky and struck Cincinnati, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; Huntsville, Alabama, and scores of other towns and cities in less than 24 hours. It was the Day of the Killer Tornadoes.

Time: 14:20 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"THE ENEMY WIND" by Weather Channel Date: Unknown

The after effects of a tornado in Andover, Kansas, highlight this video that looks at why tornadoes happen, how they can be predicted and how people can survive them. The tape explains how researchers use computer applications, small-scale laboratory weather models and field measurements from "tornado chasers" to help find the answers to these concerns.

Time 25 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 3/4/ inch and ½ inch VHS

"IT SOUNDED LIKE A FREIGHT TRAIN" by WGN-TV Date: Unknown

WGN-TV in Chicago produced this dramatic program on tornadoes. The video features excellent footage of tornadoes and their resulting destruction. Witnesses and victims alike discuss their harrowing experiences with the "most violent winds on earth." Meteorologists give pointers on how you can spot these deadly storms. The program takes an interesting look at new weather radar systems that in the near future may dramatically improve tornado warnings.

Time: 23 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

"TARGET TORNADO" DOCUMENTARY by Weather Channel Date: Unknown

The title was chosen for a very specific reason: tornado research relies heavily on film or video of tornado behavior. When the National Severe Storms Lab in Norman, Oklahoma, scheduled a tornado chase in their research *Project Vortex*, The Weather Channel was invited to join the chase, making tornadoes the target of their cameras.

How the chase developed and what the crew caught on videotape is just part of the documentary. The program details tornado forecasting and response before and after technological developments. Doppler Radar, wind profilers, GOES-8 and a larger network of warning systems are introduced as progress in the science of saving lives, the ultimate goal in tornado research.

Time: 42 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS

"THE TORNADO OF '88 – RALEIGH, N.C."

Tornadoes usually occur in the central U.S., but they can also strike the East Coast. Witness the aftermath of a deadly tornado that devastated parts of Raleigh, North Carolina, and surrounding counties. This tape includes a 25-minute documentary segment that summarizes the tornado's destruction. Also included is an additional 35 minutes of news broadcasts covering various aspects of the tornado's impact.

Date: 1988

Date: Unknown

Date: Unknown

Time: 60 minutes Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: ½ inch VHS

"TERRIBLE TUESDAY"

This documentary depicts the day killer tornadoes struck Wichita Falls, Texas. The program graphically illustrates the tremendous damage the tornadoes caused and includes interviews with victims of the disaster.

Time: 23:30 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 34 inch and 1/2 inch VHS

"TORNADO: PLAN TO SURVIVE"

This video gives practical methods for planning ahead to survive a tornado if an individual cannot get to a basement or designated shelter. Using examples based on real-life experiences, the video illustrates what a person needs to do if he or she is in a mobile home, an automobile, at work or at school, or in a shopping mall. Most importantly, it encourages people to seek shelter immediately when a tornado warning has been issued.

Time: 10:45 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

"TORNADO VIDEO CLASSICS"

This "recommended" and "awe-inspiring" videotape gives a video history of tornado research and documentation. The two-hour videotape is a gathering of video material into an organized historical perspective. It contains more than 50 tornadoes from 20 states — many on video for the first time. (To order a copy of the tape, write to Tornado Project, Box 302, St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819, or call (802) 748-2505.)

Date: Unknown

Date: 1987

Time: 2 hours Copyright restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: ½ inch VHS

"WINDS OF TERROR"

This videotape captures on film the tornado that struck Edmonton, Alberta, Canada on July 31, 1987. The tornado caused one of the worst disasters in Canada's history. See how this city responded to downed power lines, leaking gas lines, demolished buildings and tapped people. This production provides an excellent glimpse at just how disastrous a tornado can be.

Time: 23:47 minutes Copyright Restrictions – cannot be legally copied

Format: 1/2 inch VHS

WINTER HAZARDS

"SURVIVING THE COLD" by ARC Date: Unknown

Produced in cooperation with the American Red Cross, this videotape reenacts six true incidents of people who were stranded in severe winter weather. The commentator explains how good judgment, common sense and preparedness can improve the odds of survival for people isolated in snowstorms. Among other topics, the videotape mentions hypothermia and how certain preparations can prevent its harmful effects.

Time: 17 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: 3/4 inch and 1/2 inch VHS

"WINTER PREPAREDNESS" by WCVE Date: 2000

Originally broadcast in November 2000, this video was produced by WCVE's "Capitol Views," a weekly news program. Moderated by Barbara Berlin, the video features an interview with VDEM State Coordinator, Michael Cline, and Bill Sammler, Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Wakefield. They discuss how you and your family can get prepared for severe winter weather.

Time: 30 minutes No copyright restrictions – can be dubbed

Format: ½ inch VHS Date: November 2000

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